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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to accompany the filing of a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application, U.S. Serial No. 08/880,855.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-36 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

Sub C1
37. (new) A composition comprising an antibody or fragment thereof which binds to an osteoprotegerin binding protein and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, carrier, solubilizer, emulsifier, preservative and/or adjuvant, wherein the antibody or fragment is present in an amount effective to inhibit bone resorption.

38. (new) The composition of Claim 37 which comprises a monoclonal antibody or fragment thereof.

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39. (new) The composition of Claim 37 which comprises a recombinant antibody or fragment thereof.

Sub C2
40. (new) The antibody or fragment of Claim 39 which is a chimeric antibody or a CDR-grafted antibody.

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41. (new) The composition of Claim 37 which comprises a human antibody or fragment

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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